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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRG ON CHEMICAL  
WEAPONS MATTERS

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL WE MET WITH FRG ARMS CONTROL  
COMMISSIONER RUTH ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 10 TO CONVEY  
POINTS A-C. RUTH HAD ALSO INVITED HAUBER TO BE PRESENT  
FOR THE MEETING. AFTER A DISCUSSION OF THE POINTS IN  
WHICH WE STRESSED THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT PARTICIPATE  
ACTIVELY IN A NATO DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME, RUTH ASKED  
FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTER. HE CALLED  
US BACK TO THE FONOFF LATE THIS AFTERNOON FOR THE FRG  
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RESPONSE.

2. RUTH SAID THE FRG HAD TAKEN CAREFUL NOTE OF THE  
U.S. POINTS BUT SINCE THE GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR A NATO  
MEETING HAD ALREADY GONE OUT, IT WAS NOW TOO LATE TO  
CANCEL. HE SAID THE FRG PERCEIVED NO HARM IN HOLDING  
THE NATO MEETING, NOTING THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE

"PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS" FOR THE SMALLER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. RUTH CONTINUED THAT THE FRG ENVISAGED THE MEETING AS ONE IN WHICH THEIR EXPERT (HAUBER) WOULD PROVIDE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE GERMAN PAPER AND EXPLAIN ITS MEANING. THE FRG WOULD THEN ASK FOR REACTIONS FROM THE OTHER DELEGATIONS PRESENT WHICH WERE FREE TO RESPOND AS THEY SAW FIT.

3. RUTH STRESSED THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION ABOUT THE UTILITY OF U.S.-FRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CW ISSUES. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MORE TIME FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS, RUTH SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE FRG NATO DELEGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NATO MEETING COULD BE HELD ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 25TH. HE SAID HAUBER WOULD DEPART BY CAR FROM BONN ABOUT NOON AND THAT A U.S. EXPERT WOULD BE MORE THAN WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY HIM IF HE SO DESIRED.

4. IN CONCLUDING THE CONVERSATION, RUTH EMPHASIZED AGAIN THE FRG DESIRE TO MAKE AS MUCH TIME AVAILABLE ON THE 24TH AND 25TH FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO BE PRESENT FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE BILATERAL AND HOPED TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE WITH THE DELEGATION, OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES PERMITTING. RUTH THEN EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR EITHER LUNCH OR DINNER ON THE 24TH DEPENDING UPON ARRIVAL TIME.

5. COMMENT: RUTH HAS TRIED TO BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS  
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POSSIBLE IN SUGGESTING THIS COMPROMISE SOLUTION. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT WISH TO WITHDRAW THE GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR THE NATO MEETING NOR TO SUGGEST POSTPONING IT. INSTEAD, HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING AS EASY AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

SINCE THE NATO MEETING REMAINS ON TRACK FOR THE 25TH, WASHINGTON WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH SOMEWHAT TRUNCATED BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE 24TH AND 25TH OR TO REJUGGLE THE SCHEDULE SO THAT THE U.S. TEAM WOULD BE HERE ON MARCH 23-24. AS WE REPORTED EARLIER, THE FRG WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE TEAM AT ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE.  
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